

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-25 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 14 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 18 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 2. Claims 7 and 19 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 8. Claims 2 and 8 are canceled and claims 3 and 9 are amended to change their dependencies in view of the cancellation of claims 2 and 8.

Claims 24 and 25 are added to recite additional features disclosed in the specification at, for example, Fig. 6, which was discussed during the November 17, 2006 personal interview.

Applicant thanks Examiners Gray and Roth for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative, Mr. Luo, during the November 17, 2006 personal interview. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed on, and to return an initialed copy of, the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the December 1, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); and (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the above, claims 1, 3-7 and 9-23 are patentable, because independent claims 1, 7, 18 and 19 all recite subject matter that is indicated in the Office Action as being allowable. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

New claims 24 and 25 are believed to be patentable. Based on the discussion during the personal interview in connection with Fig. 6 of the present application, the feature "a sum

of an on time and an off time of the control signal is longer than a half the period of the AC power" is not disclosed or suggested in the applied references.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3-7 and 9-25 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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